

A bill for the relief of the persons taken prisoners by the Mexican army, at the Mission of Refugio, in 1841 ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Dancy, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill for the benefit of W. W. Wooten, assignee of David Lloyd ; read second time, and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to indemnify the owners for the loss of slaves executed for capital offences ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Dancy, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Levi P. Lockhart ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, laid on the table until Tuesday next.

Mr. Wilson, chairman of the committee on Education, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate Milam Masonic Female Institute, in the county of Bowie ; reported the same back and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Day, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 1, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baggerly—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to fix the time for the biennial meeting of the Legislature, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr. Davis, from the same committee, reported back a bill granting Thomas Cevallos permission to remain in this State, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mary A. Woodall and James P. Williams, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Nancy Williams, deceased ; read first time.

Mr. Taylor, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Sabina Draper and husband, reported a bill for the relief of Sabina Draper ; read first time.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill to repeal a joint resolution for the relief of free persons of color, approved June 5th, 1837; read first time.

Mr. Reaves introduced a bill to provide for liquidating the public debt of the late Republic of Texas; read first time.

Mr. Bigelow introduced a bill to allow the several counties in this State, to establish workhouses or houses of correction; read first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Walter Gibbs of Liberty county, on motion of Mr. Taylor, re-committed to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to incorporate the Clarksville and Red-River turnpike company; read third time, and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, re-committed to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to repeal all laws heretofore enacted, incorporating the town of San Augustine; read third time and passed.

A bill making an appropriation to pay William Smith, sheriff of Starr county, for taking three convicts to the State Penitentiary; read second time.

Mr. Bigelow moved to amend the bill by striking out "three hundred and twenty-eight dollars and twenty-one cents," and inserting "four hundred and ninety-four dollars and eighty-five cents;" adopted.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Bigelow, Bogart, Burks, Dancy, Day, Doane, Gray, Grimes, Hill, Kinney, Merriman, Parker, Reaves, Sterne, Truit, Williams and Wilson—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Davis, Duggan, Hart, Scott and Taylor—5.

A bill to abolish the office of Adjutant General, &c.; read, and, and on motion of Mr. Gray, laid on the table.

A bill to require the return of field-notes in certain cases; read, and on motion of Mr. Davis, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of Andrew C. Walters; read, and, on motion of Mr. Sterne, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Williams, a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on land certificates, issued by, or by order of the supreme or district courts, was taken from the table and read.

Mr. Gray offered the following amendment:

Add to the second section, "provided, that the provisions of this act shall not be construed so as to make valid any certificate which has been declared void by the supreme court, nor any certificate, the owner of which has been relieved by special act of

of the Legislature, nor where it appears from the records of the Land Office, that more than one certificate has issued in the name of the same person ;" adopted.

Mr. Davis offered the following amendment :

" Be it further enacted, that this act shall not be so construed as to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents upon any certificate that has been rejected by the travelling board of commissioners."

On motion of Mr. Sterne, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Parker, a bill for the relief of Andrew C. Walters, was taken from the table, read, and, on motion of Mr. Sterne, laid on the table.

Joint resolution, instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to procure an amendment to an act of Congress of the United States, approved 9th September, A. D. 1850, proposing to the State of Texas the establishment of her northern and western boundary, &c. ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Scott, referred to the committee on Public Debt.

A bill to require the commissioners of the town of Paris, in Lamar county, to turn over to the county court of said county, all moneys, notes, deeds and other documents in their possession ; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill granting certain powers to the corporation of Galveston city ; read, and passed to a third reading.

A bill giving damages upon protested drafts and bills of exchange ; read and passed to a third reading.

A bill concerning the investment of the funds of minors, with the amendments offered by the committee on the Judiciary, was read, amendments adopted ; and, on motion of Mr. Scott, bill laid on the table.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, recommending that a bill concerning the recording of marriage licenses, be laid on the table, was read and adopted.

The report of the committee, on a bill to regulate the sales of sheriffs and other officers, &c., and on a bill regulating sales by administrators and executors, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Printing, on the resolution concerning the contract for papers, was read and adopted.

A bill to incorporate Milam Masonic Female Institute, in the county of Bowie ; read, and passed to a third reading.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills which originated in the Senate, to wit :

A bill to authorize the Treasurer to pay to John A. Greer, guardian of the minor, J. A. Greer, jr., monies deposited by the county court of Grimes county; and a bill to amend an act concerning the book or register of land certificates issued for the county of Harris, which was at one time mislaid, but said book has subsequently been found, and identified as genuine and unaltered.

Also, that the House had passed the following bills, originating in that body, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the town of Anderson, in Grimes county.

A bill to encourage the deepening of the Anahuac Pass, at the mouth of the Trinity river.

A bill relinquishing to the county of El Paso a certain tract of land.

A bill to provide for the erection of public buildings in Kaufman county, and

A bill to incorporate the town of Dangerfield, which were severally read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Sterne, Mr. Grimes was added to the committee on the Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Bogart, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 2, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baggerly—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of the heirs of Felix A. Richardson and of Julian Sanchez, asking for land; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Duggan presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Lavaca county, protesting against the passage of a law removing the county seat of said county; read, and referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of the chief justice and county commissioners of Cass county; referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Eddy presented the petition of Z. L. Stringer, asking for land; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.